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Title: PROCESS CONTROL BUS MONITORING AND ANALYSIS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to examination of the above-referenced case, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please substitute page 4, paragraph 2, beginning on line 6 for the paragraph in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Page 4, Paragraph 2." Specific amendments to page 4, paragraph 2 are detailed in the following marked-up paragraph:

A typical controller includes one or more processors 135 and memory devices 140 coupled to a longer term non-volatile storage device 145. Again, many other types of controllers may also benefit from the present invention. A display device is coupled to the controller 110 to provide visual or audible information to a person working with the system. One or more input devices 155 are also provided. These include touch screens, keyboards, pointing devices, voice recognition devices and any other means by which a person or other machine may [communication] communicate with the controller 110.

Please substitute the last sentence on page 7, beginning on line 43 and continuing on to 44 for the sentence in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Page 7, lines 43 - 44". Specific amendments to page 7, lines 43 - 44 and are detailed in the following marked-up paragraph:

; [Enviracom] Modbus Monitoring Tool [(EMT)] (MMT) Message Interpretation File, Rev 0.9.3  
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